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1. [REDACTED] there was a meeting of all surveying engineers from the administrative districts of Potsdam, Frankfurt an der Oder, and Cottbus, held in the building of the district administration at Heinrich Mann Allee, Potsdam. Representatives of the Soviet Control Commission (SKK) of Potsdam also took part, with decisive votes. The following tasks were given the surveying engineers:

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- a. [REDACTED] the whole border zone between West Berlin and East Berlin must be surveyed.
- b. Reports must be made daily on the state of the surveying works to the SKK Potsdam, Stalin-Allee.
- c. Survey engineer Laschke (fnu), living at Potsdam, is responsible for the execution of the surveying works.

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2. In Friedrichsfelde-Ost (East Berlin) sixty railroad carloads of barbed wire were discharged. This barbed wire will be used for fencing in West Berlin. The wire came from a wire works in Thuringia. Railroad cars, of which there seems to be a great shortage, were immediately made available for the transport of the barbed wire.
3. Walter Ulbricht planned a press conference, to make known the "counter-measures of the East German Government against the General Military Agreement", for [REDACTED] but when the delaying of the third reading in the Bonn Bundestag became known, the planned press conference was canceled.

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Concerning the fencing in of West Berlin the following measures were planned:

- a. Complete shut-down of the whole civilian truck traffic between West Berlin and [REDACTED]
- b. Separation of the S-Bahn between Western and Eastern Berlin.
- c. Similar measures in the streetcar and subway traffic.

5. The new, not yet published, timetable of the East Berlin Traffic Undertakings (BVG), contains only those subway line stretches which run in the eastern sector. When these stretches run into the western sectors, they appear in the time table as ending with the last East Berlin station. Subway officials drew the conclusion from the above, that the Russians want to shut down the West Berlin stretches.

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